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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This letter is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2002, for which a response is due on or before April 22, 2002. No extension fee is due.

**AMENDMENTS**

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In the Claims:

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Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (amended) An apparatus for the cutting of sheets of metal material, said apparatus comprising:

a first transfer carriage for supporting material to be cut;

a cutting head; and

a pathway along which to move the transfer carriage;

said cutting head and said transfer carriage being movable relative to each other to permit said cutting head to cut profiles of objects lying in a plane;

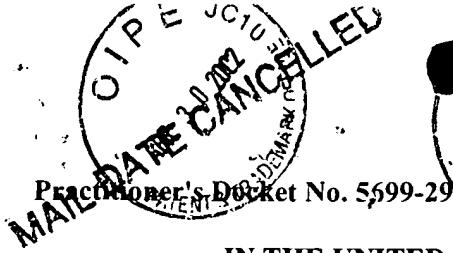
said carriage being movable between a loading position clear of said cutting head, and a cutting portion in which said carriage presents the material to be cut to said cutting head; and

said path including a portion along which said carriage can by-pass said cutting head.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

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2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA					ADDIT. FEE
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						TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

5. An additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 15-0450.

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